

**California Department of Social Services
2019 Proposed Trailer Bill**

Title: Time-Limited Self-Executing Authority for Continuum of Care Reform Contracts

Uncodified section is added, to read:

(a) Notwithstanding any other law, contracts or grants identified in subdivision (b), necessary for the State Department of Social Services to implement or evaluate the Continuum of Care Reform as provided by Chapter 773, Statutes of 2015; Chapter 612, Statutes of 2016; Chapter 732, Statutes of 2017; and Chapter 910, Statutes of 2018, shall be exempt from all of the following:

(1) The personal services contracting requirements of Article 4 (commencing with Section 19130) of Chapter 5 of Part 2 of Division 5 of Title 2 of the Government Code;

(2) The Public Contract Code and the State Contracting Manual;

(3) Review by either the Department of General Services and the Department of Technology.

(b) This section shall apply to contracts or grants which:

(1) Provide workforce training and certification to state or county staff on the use of Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool and the use of this assessment tool within a child and family team.

(2) Develop or provide training and technical assistance to foster care providers, including short-term residential therapeutic program providers, foster family agencies, and their staff related to Continuum of Care Reform requirements and core program competencies.

(3) Develop or provide training and technical assistance to county child welfare and probation departments related to the implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform.

(4) Perform an evaluation of the level of care rate setting methodology, as required by Section 11461.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(5) Consult with the PRAED Foundation to evaluate use of the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment tool to inform the level of care rate setting system.

(6) Consult with the PRAED Foundation and the Mental Health Data Alliance as necessary to inform the development of Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment tool functionalities within the child welfare services digital system.

(c) This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2021, and as of January 1, 2022 is repealed.